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1. AUGUST 21 GLOBE AND MAIL FRONT-PAGED STORY BY PEKING CORRESPONDENT ROSS H. MUNRO REPORTING CHINA'S PEOPLES DAILY ARTICLE APPLAUDING CANADIAN EFFORTS TO RESTRICT SOVIET FISHING. ARTICLE CONDEMNS USSR FOR FISHING VIOLATIONS AND FOR MILITARY PROVOCATIONS OF CANADA, CITING "CANADIAN MILITARY CIRCLES" AS AFFIRMING THAT "SOVIET MILITARY PLANES FREQUENTLY INTRUDE INTO CANADIAN AIR SPACE IN THE NORTH AND SOVIET BOMBERS ALSO FLY OVER CANADA JUST 800 MILES FROM BIG CITIES LIKE MONTREAL, VANCOUVER, TORONTO AND OTHERS."

2. GLOBE AND MAIL ADDED TO MUNRO DISPATCH STATEMENT BY DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE SPOKESMAN DENYING THAT THERE WAS ANY TRUTH TO THE CHINESE STORY. SPOKESMAN ASSUMED STORY WAS BASED ON CBC REPORT LAST YEAR, EQUALLY ERRONEOUS, WHICH HAD ASSERTED THAT SOVIET SPY PLANES HAD BEEN DETECTED OVER CANADA FROM TIME TO TIME.

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